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SUBJECT: OBTAINING SPECIMENS OF CURRENT FOREIGN PASSPORTS

REF: 73 STATE A-2200

POST'S FILES OF FOREIGN PASSPORTS REVEALS NO STUDY OF TRINIDADIAN SPECIMEN OR RECORD POST HAS SUBMITTED ONE TO VO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HAS RECENTLY CHANGED TO REPUBLIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND CHANGED PASSPORT. POST CONSIDERING APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE AIRGRAM. BEFORE ACTING, POST WISHES INFORMATION AS TO RECIPROCITY EXCHANGE OF US PASSPORTS FOR TRINIDADIANS. ARE PASSPORTS KEPT PERMANENTLY OR RETURNED AND IN WHAT CONDITION. POST BELIEVES ORDINARY (TOURIST) PASSPORT EXCHANGE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT BUT WOULD REQUEST DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL TYPES IF NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS POSED BY HOST GOVERNMENT AND DEPARTMENT INTEREST. MAJOR PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED LOCALLY BY VISA SECTION IS THE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS WHICH LACK SIGNATURES OF BEARER AND/OR ISSUING OFFICER, PROPER SEALS OR STAMP INDICATING BEARER HAD HAD PREVIOUS PASSPORT. POST'S NIV OFFICERS ALSO ENCOUNTER ALL TOO FREQUENTLY ISSUANCE OF NEW TRINIDADIAN PASSPORTS TO REPLACE VALID ONE IN WHICH POST REFUSAL STAMPS HAD BEEN PLACED IN BACK OF PASSPORTS. ONE RECENT CASE OF THREE REFUSALS SAW TWO NEW PASSPORTS ISSUED IN ONE MONTH WITH ORIGINAL LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PASSPORTS ARE GENERALLY ISSUED FOR TEN YEARS.

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